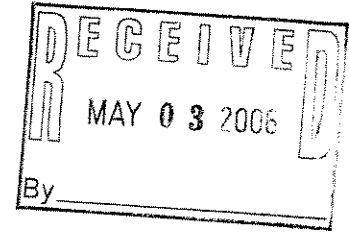


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RE: Revision of MCR 3.977, and 7.210

Dear Chief Justice Taylor:

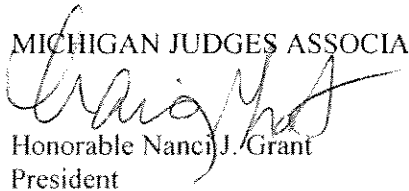
At the April 18, 2006 meeting of the Michigan Judges Association, the Rules Committee and the Executive Board considered ADM file 2004-44 Proposed Amendment of Rules 3.977 and 7.210 of the Michigan Court Rules.

The Michigan Judges Association opposes the proposed amendments to MCR 3.977 and 7.210 for the reason that the proposed changes themselves are not clear. We are also unable to discern the problem that the changes are meant to correct. With all due respect, it is unclear if the proposed changes reflect financial issues regarding the cost of transcripts or court recorder issues pertaining to timely transcripts. Finally, MJA also strongly opposes requirements to have trial judges determine what part of the proceedings should be transcribed or needed for appeal.

We thank the Court for considering our input on these matters. If the Michigan Judges Association may provide any additional input or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

MICHIGAN JUDGES ASSOCIATION


Honorable Nanci J. Grant
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cc: Corbin R. Davis, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court